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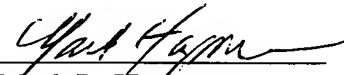
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Shin-ichi KOJIMA, Akira ASAKURA, Tetsuaki FUTATSUGI,  
Yuko OTA, Yuki FUKUDA, and Shinsuke SAGARA  
Title: NOVEL INTERFERON-ALPHA  
Assignee: **SUMITOMO PHARMACEUTICALS COMPANY LIMITED**  
Our Ref: Q79079

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/889,035 (Confirmation No.6162) filed July 11, 2001, by Shin-ichi KOJIMA, Akira ASAKURA, Tetsuaki FUTATSUGI, Yuko OTA, Yuki FUKUDA, and Shinsuke SAGARA entitled NOVEL INTERFERON-ALPHA, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/00015 filed January 5, 2000.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is (1) a specification, including the claims and abstract, (2) an Information Disclosure Statement, (3) a Form PTO/SB 08 A&B (modified) listing the references cited by the Applicants and/or Examiner during prosecution of the prior application, and (4) a Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing Submitted in a Co-Pending Patent Application in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e). Also, enclosed are a copy of the Assignment and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, 09/889,035.

The prior application is assigned Examiner Janet L. Andres in Group Art Unit 1646.

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/889,035, filed July 11, 2001, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/00015, filed January 5, 2000; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.